Underground cables of M.T.N.L.

1388. SHRl S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that underground cables of MTNL are stolen in a big way in the Capital affecting the telephones of a large number of subscribers;

(b) if so, what are the details of such thefts during the last three years: and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IN DEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT)- (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of such thefts for the last three years are as under:—

Sl. No.	Year	Total number of cables stolen
(i)	April, 89-Dec. 89	51
(ii)	1990	93
(iii)	Jan. 91-August, 91	92

(c) Remedial measures like intensive Vigil and close coordination with the police authorities are already being taken. In addition, measures like douBfe locking of manhole covers on the cable duct routes and laying of cahles in concrete along open culverts are proposed.

Representation of TADA Relief Com mittee Jaipur

1389. SHRl SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS *he* pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any Memorandum from the Rajasthan TADA Relief Committee, Jaipur in respect unwarranted detention of over 100 members of the minority community under TADA; and-

(b) if so, what remedial action Government have taken for the protection of minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE < MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b A report has been called for in the matter from the Government of Rajasthan. The same is awaited.

Border telephone line in Kutch district of Gujarat

1390. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE; Will the Minster of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telephone line was installed in Btrde^ area of Kutch district of Gujirat State*

(b) whether it is also a fact thai this line is not working;

(c) whether it is also a fact that contratcor company is' not traceable;
and

(d) what remedial actions are be ing taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IN-DEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) yes, Sir. Public Telephones were iratalled at village Panchayats in Nakhatrfofca & Nalia—Talukas of Kutch District carl Multi-access Rural Radio Systems.

(b) These public telephones have not yet been commissioned due to faults oserved in the Equipment at the the Station's.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Complaint has already been lodged with the supplier of the equip-ment and their Engineers are ott %e
job.